The Stock Market Makes Some Slight Progress Towards Higher Price Level.

ANIMATION

INCREASED

LARGER PART OF GAIN LOST

Trading Relapsed Into Profound Neglect After Brief Time and Closing Is Easy.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Jan. H.—The stock market showed a slight increase in animation for a brief time this morning and made some slight progress to a higher level of prices, but trading promptly relapsed into profound neglect, and the largest part of the gain was lost, and the closing was casy. The most conspicuous movements were still in the department of minor stocks.

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There was no success in finding good authority for the revived rumors of a settlement of the Goud-Cassatt differences, which caused the movement in Penrisiyana, the most notable of the day. The Wabsh issues followed, with an addition to the rumors that the debenture B, bonds were to be retired, in exchange for a fixed 4 per cent, bend. The only comment in official quarters on the reconciliation story was that there was nothing to reconcile, beyond the sulf, in the courts for damages for the cuiting of Western Union poles on the Penrisyivania right of way. Reports of revived internal friction cutyed the drop in United States Realty priferred. Nashville, Chattaniooga and St. Luils continued to sell off on selling by sperulators, who had bought it in expectation of the resumption of dividends at a higher rate than the four per cent, decided on.

The new bond issue planned by the Charge we hook island and Pacific Rail-

a higher rate than the four per cent. decided on. The new bond issue planned by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Rall-red conformed closely to previous repects, and hears who had sold the stocks of the controlling Rock Island Company, in anticipation of the plan for the supply for deficient when they attempted to cover their shorts, Rock Island was incorrequence the only stock to hold its strength at the last.

Thice was a moderate demand for United States Steel preferred, based on trace reports of some improvement in the demand for from and steel.

Entimore and Ohio was helped to some extent by its listing on Swiss exchanges. The evidence of redundant accumulation of cash in bank reserves seemed to be without effect on the speculation.

Ends were dull and irregular, Total saits par value, \$2,4,0,600. United States bends were unchanged on call.

Tetal sales were 37,200 shares.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Money on call

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—Money on call catter, 1 34 to 2 1-4 per cent.; closed, offered 1 1-2. Time loans casier, sixty and innety days 4 per cent., six months 4 to 4 1-4. Prime mercantile paper 5 to 5 1-4; storing exchange firmer, after being easy, with actual business in bankers bills at 44.56.35 to 44.84.40 for demand, and at 51.94.40 to 54.84.50 for sixty day bills. Posted rates 34.84 to 44.55. Commercial bills 34.82 to 54.821.8. Bar silver 59. Mexican dollars 15 1-2.

RICHMOND STOCK MARKET. Richmond, Va., Jan. 1, 1903. STATE SECURITIES. Hid. Asked. North Carolina 4s, U., 1910.

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Va. Centuries, 2-3, C. and R., 1991	MATE OF	Obs.
CITY SECURITIES.	and the	1000
Richmond City 4s, R., 1920-1930	104	10
RAILHOAD BONDS.		100
	106	
Atlanta and Char. 1st 78, R., 1907		9
A. C. L. R. R. Con. Tr. 4 p. c	93	
Georgia and Pac. 1st 6s, C., 1st Georgia, Southern and Pla., 1915	110	***
Georgia, Boutnern and Pla., 1919	103	•••
Georgia and Ala. Con. 5s, 1945	83	***
N. and W. Ry. Pocanontas 48		90
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Western N. C. 1st 6s, C., 1914 S. A. L. Con. 1st 4s, 1959	67	65
S. A. L. Collateral Tr. 5s, 1911		99
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R. F. and P. Div. Cong	1744	12
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ethern Railway pfd	10	
LANK STUCKS.		
Broad Street Bank25	26	27
First National	300	
National Dank of Virginia	17.0	
Petersburg Savs, and Inc Co29		7:
Richmond Tr. and S. Dep. Coled	111	12

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BALTIMORE STOCK MARKET BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. 14—Seaboard Air Line common, 9; do. preferred, 1/41/14, Sea-board 4s, 695/267, Atlantic Coast Line com-mon, 1061/24/14; do. preferred, not quoted.

COTTON MARKETS.

mon, 1065-56181; do. preterrod, not quotes.

COTTON MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—The cotton market opened firm at an advance of 2917 points, following cables that were considerably better than expected. There was nearly liquitation at the higher layer than expected. There was nearly liquitation at the higher layer layer of the call the higher layer. The market was not here and the call the higher layer layer of but 4 or 5 points. Liverpool cables continued steady, New Or, eans opened up, the outlook was for light receipts at both the ports and interior points, and outfore the market was an hour oil, prices had been railled again with March sell ing up to 33.78. May 13.38 and July 11.63; these boins given the market was an hour oil, prices had been railled again with March sell ing up to 33.78. May 13.38 and July 11.63; these boins given had the was an hour oil, prices had been railled again with March sell ing up to 33.78. May 13.38 and July 11.63; these boins, side, while the room seemed inclined to take the layer l

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Cotton.	quiet;	niddling	13.80;	net re	ceipis,

THUMAS BRANCH & CO

New York Stock Exchange,

PRIVATE WIRES TO

Kew York Cotton Exchange.

PRINCIPAL MARKETS. Investment Securities

	Ву	Thoma	s B	ranch	&	Co.,	Bankers	and Brok	cers.				
SALES:	Open.	High.	Low.	Closi	ng.	SALE	18:		Open.	High	Low.	Closit Bid. Asi	With Miles
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700 Metropolitan 12 1975 Mexican Central 1	1217	121% 1	13%		1251	1000 11	Total sales	332,400.	45.0				如果

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CATTLE-Receipts, 234 hoad; market active and strong at host week's prices. Best steers, 4%@big.; medium to good, 1245;c.; common to fair, 34,034;c.; good holfers, 4,034;c.; medium to good, 32,34c.; common to fair, 25,034;c.; bulls, 25,34c.; common to fair, 25,035;c.; bulls, 25,34c.; common, 5,45c.; bulls, 25,45c.; foughs, 4,544;c.; see SHEEP AN DLAMDS-Receipts, 17s head; market atton. of od sheep, 45,45c.; common, 323;c.; humbs, 5,56c.; bulls, 15,45c.; common, 25,45c.; bulls, 15,45c.; common, 25,45c.; bulls, 15,45c.; common, 25,45c.; bulls, 15,45c.; common, 25,45c.; bulls, 25,45c.; common, 25,45c.; bulls, 25,45c.; common, 25,45c.; bulls, 25,45c.; common, 25,45c.; bulls, bales; gross, 7,99 bales; sales, 1,899 bales; N. 65,699 bales; export to Great Britain, N. 65,699 bales; export to Great Britain, Obtain to Fundal seamorts—Net receipts, Yabales; export to Great Britain \$,503, St. to France, % bales; stock, \$89,611 bales, meolidated at all scapports—Net receipts, 40 bales; export to Great Britain, 69,73, St. to France, 5,920 bales; to the Continent, 50 bales. 55.756 bales.

Total aince September 1st at all scaports— Total aince September 1st at all scaports— Net receipts, 5.614,665 bales; export to Great Britain, 1,652,825 bales; to France, 554,686 bales; to the Continent, 1,824,577 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 14.—Dispatches indi-

BALTIMORE, MD., Jan. H.-FLOUR-Firm and the month, 894,994c.; No. 2 red, wester to solve the month, 894,994c.; No. 2 red, wester, 804,c. Corn-Spot firmer; the month, 200,50 504,c. Onta-Firmer; No. 2, 46c. Rye-Firm and unchanged. Eggs, Choese and Sugar-Steady and unchanged.

RICHMOND GRAIN MARKET.

WHEAT— tongberry (car lots) 96 697
Longberry (car lots) 96 697
hixed (car lots) 96 697
Shortberry (car lots) 95 697
No. 3 red (car lots) 95 697
Yag, hag lots 85 696
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RICHMOND LIVE STOCK MARKET.
(Sales at Union Slock Yards.)
Richmond, Va., Jan. 14, 1904.
Receipts for the week ending Monday:

lto, Va. bag lots
white (car lots).
white (car lots).
mixed (car lots).
mixed (car lots).

Richmond, Va., Jan. 14, 1904. QUOTATIONS.

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to the Continent, 1824,577 bales.

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Jan. 14.—COTTON—Spot in fair supply, but buyers demanded concessions. Sales 2,425 bales, including 5.9 to survive. Dolivered on contracts 490 bales. Quotations reduced 45.

The future market was nervous and price at the first provided the limit of the contract of t

CINCINNATI, O. Jan. 14.—HOGS—Active and higher at \$3.60\fo.95.00. Cattle—Dull at \$229 4.65. Sheep—Steady at \$2.25\fo.3.85. Lambs— Steady at \$4.50\fo.40. freely. The selling of both sides quickly shaved down the advance. The market closed quick, but steady. Not gains were: January 13, July and August 10 points each, and the other positions 275 points. Cotton futures quiet and steady: January. 12.589 13.32; February, 12.589 13.57; March, 13.732, July, 13.589 13.57; May, 14.6871 10, June, 14.28211.27; July, 14.6871 10, June, 14.28211.27; July, 14.6871 10, June, 14.28211.27; July, 14.6871 13.54 asked.

UNION STOCK YARDS, PITTSBURG, PA., Jan. 14.—CATTLE—Supply light, market steady. Choice, 53.286,40; prime, \$505.20; in r, \$1.004.25. Hops—Receipts, 20 double de ke, Market higher on best weights; alow on others. Hrime heavy, 55.2985,25; mediums, 5.296.25; heavy yorkers, \$1.006.20; light, yorkers, \$1.006.20; light, \$1.0074.05; discovery, yorkers, \$1.006.20; light, \$1.0074.05; discovery, yorkers, \$1.006.20; light, \$1.0074.05; discovery, \$1.006.20; light, \$1.0074.05; discovery, \$1.006.20; light, \$1.0074.05; choice lambs, \$1.0080.55; veal calves, \$345.50.

PRODUCE MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—PLOUR—Steady, Rye Flour-Firm. Buckwheat Mour-Duill. Cornimal—Firm. Buckwheat Mour-Duill. Cornimal—Firm. Rye—Nominal. Barley—Quiet. Wheat—Spot casy; No. 2 red, 562. Options weakened at the opening; easier be the strength of coarse grains at noon. Later they declined a second time under room selling, a poor export trade and better firely make. The close was a cut lower. May closed at 562c; July 8 strength of the close was a cut lower. May closed at 562c; July 8 strength on better firely make. Since the control of the cont CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 14.—CATTLE—Receipts, 800 head. Market good. steady; others lower. Good at 18.00 head. Market good. steady; others lower. Good at 18.00 head. Steady at 18.00 head. Mixed and but hers. 41.50 head. Steady at 18.00 head. Mixed and but hers. 41.50 head. Steady at 18.00 head. Mixed and but hers. 41.50 head. Steady at 18.00 head. Steady at 18.00 head. Steady at 18.00 head. Steady at 18.00 head. Sheep and lambs, steady. Steady to choice wethers, \$1.29 head. Steady to choice wethers, \$1.29 head.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKETS.

NORFOLK, VA., Jan. I.-PEANUTS-Farmers market mmer. Fancy, Myc., strictly prime, 348138c.; prime, 25436c; common. And the. Spanish, \$1938c; machine picked, 2-d PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 14.—PEANUTS— PETERSBURG, VA., Jan. 14.—PEANUTS— Eponish, kugasiya, Market firin, stock figut fancy; market steady.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

WILMINGTON N. C., Jan. II.—SPIRITS
TURPENTINE—Nothing Jones: receipts, 15
casks. Rosin—Firm at \$2.25; receipts, 16.5; receipts, 155 barrels. Tan—Firm at \$1.5; receipts, 35 harrels. Crude Turpentine—Firm at
\$2.30; receipts, 35 harrels.
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COTTONSEED OIL MARKET.

NEW YORK, Jan 14.—Cottonseed oil wear neglected and a trile cent. Prime crude, f. o. b. mills, 3c. of sunmer yellow, monimal; prime white, 3c.; of sunmer yellow, prime white yellow, 4.49-12c.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF RICHMOND, JAN. 14, 1904. ARRIVED.

Steamer Pocahontas, Graves, Norfolk and James river landings, mercandise and passongers, Virginia Navigation Company.

Steamer Brandon, Rootes, Nichoik, merchandlse and passengers, Old Dominion line.

SAILED. Steamer Brandon, tthodes, Nerfolk, merchan-dise and passengers, Old Lominion line. PORT NEWPORT NEWS, JAN. 14, 1904. ARRIVED.

Steamer Dalton Hall, Brunswick. Schooner Holen H. Benedict, Wiscassett. Barge Felix, New Bedford. SAILED.

Steamer Dalton Hall, Liverpool, Steamer Arabia, New York, Steamer Congal, Bordeaux, Schooner Penuleton's Satisfaction, Curaoca. Source of Kevenue.

Fereign insurance companies are comreform insurance companies are com-plying promptly with the new laws requir-ing the payment of registration and char-tic, ness to the State Conporation Com-mission, and Secretary Upshur is kept busy waiting upon them. Thig has become a source of great revenue to the State, and the fees are-coming in at the rate of several thous-and dollars per day.

Charters Granted. The following charters have been granted by the Corporation Commission:
The J. E. Warren Company (incur).
Newport News; J. E. Warren, president and treasurer; capital stock \$5.000 to

19 June 19 Jun

Measure Taken.

Sculptor E. V. Valentine yesterday took the measure of Houdon's statue of Washington in the Capitol, with the view to using it in connection with the one he will shortly begin for the Hall of Fame, of the National Capitol.

The latter is authorized in the Halsey pill, recently passed by the Legislature.

UN TRAIL OF

Detective Hall Looking for Man Thought to Have Fired Gallego Mills.

Detective-Sargeart Hall is hot on the trail of the man whe, he believes, set fire to the Gallego Meds on the early morning of Sunday, Lecember 27th, last. The man under suspicion is now either known." Sergeant Hall and Mr. Warner Moore are inclined to think he has left the city. He is a negro, and was employed in the packing rooms of the mills until the latter part of November last. About that time he wish arrested or the energe of strain at the first arrested or the energe of strain at the first head of the control of the strain and was sent to fall for thirty than the strain are strain as the strain as

employers and was sent to jall for thirty days.

On Monday or, Tuesday preceding the fire, then having finished his etern in 1718on, the man uppeared at the mills and claimed more time than he had been pald for. It is understood that the money was not given him because the claim, was not shown good. He left in a sullenhumor. Nothing more was heard from him. On the night or rather the early merning, of the fire, one of the firemen is said to have seen a negro dash from one of the doors of the plant, shoes it hand. Sergeant Ifall is following up this clue and every other he can find.

Not at the Number. Not at the Number.

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Not at the Number.

The negro he is boking for is of small size, copper colored, without growth of leard on any part of his face. When employed by Mr. Moore he gave his residence at a number on North Second Street. Sergeant Hall finds that such a number does not exist. In looking for stolen goods recently Sergeant Hall found at, ovarcoat in a pawn shop. The broker caid a negro of the same name, which the polloe wish to remain blank for a few days, had brought it there and offered it for forty cents. Evidently it was the same fellow the detective is casting around for.

To the pawnbroker the negro gave an eddress on North Sixth, Street as his home. He does not nive there, A few days ago the wife of the man came to the mills to know if anything had been heard from her husband, or if any one knew where he was. Whether or not she was trying to threw the police off the track or was really looking for him Detective Hall is mable to determine.

Mr. Warner Moore is convinced that the fire was of incendary origin. He cannot account for it otherwise, He has held occasional conferences with Sergeant

held occasional conferences with Sergeant hall, and is giving the experienced de-tective all the aid in his power. When seen last night Sergeant Hall was not inclined to talk about the case, fear-ing to injure his chances of getting the men. Practically all the facts had been gleaned from other sources, Mr. Moore's suspicions of the torch of the incendiary were first aroused when he learned that a few days before the fire, the wire from which hung the key to the private fire alarm box had been cut and the key stolen. No man employed at the plant would burn it, for nothing but loss could come to him thereby.

TO ORGANIZE TO-DAY.

Local Branch of Association of Credit Men to be Formed. A meting of the jobbers and manufac

turers of the city and their credit men turers of the city and their credit men and representatives of the banks will be held at the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon at 8 o'clock for the number of forming a branch of the National Association of Credit Men. Mr. F. J. Stockwell, assistant secretary of the association, which has a membership of 4,500, with thirty-seven local branches, is in the city, and will attend the meeting. The only branch in Virginia is at Lyneaburg.

The call for to-day's meeting is signed by the following firms:
American National Bank,
First National Bank of Virginia,
City Hank of Richmond,
Merchants National Bank,
The State Bank of Virginia,
Planters National Hank,
M. Cohon, Son and Company,
Wingo, Ellett and Crump Sace Company,

Wingo, Ellett and Crump Snoe Company,
Drewry, Hughes and Company,
C. W. Antrim and Sons,
Kingan and Company, Limited,
M. B. Block, Son and Company,
E. A. Saunders' Sons Company,
Watkins-Cottroll Company,
T. D. Slokes and Company,
House,
Purcell, Ladd and Company,
H. W. Rountree and Brother Trunk
and Ess Company,
Hinswanger and Company,
The Ellison and Harvey Company,
The Southern Paper Company,
The Southern Paper Company,

JOHN L. WILLIAMS & SONS.

BANKERS, SECURITIES, MUNICIPAL BONDS A SPECIALTY.
Correspondence invited.

CURTIS IS BIG CHIEF

Windy Point Club Pays Tribute to Its Veteran President at the Virginia Club.

RICHARDSON IS THE ORATOR

The annual banquet of the Windy Point Club was given last night at the rooms of the Virginia Club, and it was nn affair which will linger long in the memory of the members and all others who were fortunate enough to be at the brilliant festive board. Covers were laid for fifty and every seat was taken, for it is seldom that human beings are heir to such a treat,
President John Alexander Curtis, now

long past the century mile post, presided with as much ease and grace as through he were yet in the very prime of a youthful and vigorous life, and the Hon. David Crockett Richardson, almost as unclent as the president, and long the unnual orator, delivered the oration of the evening, devoting the greater portion of the unlimited time allotted to him to a very interesting history of the early life of the president, which was entirely new to the present generation.

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During the very interesting discourse of the would-be-congressman, all the lights went out, but the redoubtable David Crockett was not to be disconcerted, and he proceeded with his remarks.

SPEECHES AND AIUSIC.

The veteran president, hobbling in on crutches, rapped one body to order at 8 o'clock, and prayer was offered by Mr. John C. Walsh, the voteran vice-president, who is more than eighty years of age. The features of the evening were the address of Orator Richardson an ine splendid music which was rendered by a visiting quartette, under the direction of Captain Frank W. Cunningham, who seemed the happiest man in all the assemblage when he introduced the four sons of Dr. J. W. Liyant, of Petersturg, who are fine entertainers. Mr. C. H. Christian was with them, and played the banjo and etten led them in coon songs, which delighted all present.

Mr. John H. Frischkorn, president of the Board of Fire Cemmissioners, came in for some good work, and kept the audience in a perfect four of hughter ag long as he could be kept on the Captain Cunningham was a hero, and

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Captain Cunningham was a hero, and although he sought to throw all the honors on his guests in the matter of singing, he was often called out and made to render some of his favorite songs.

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ANOTHER FAVORITE,
Mr. T. C. Walford was another favorite, and sang with fine effect several songs of his own selection, all of which were loudly cheered.

The following members answered to the roll call: R. EdgarShine, W. G. Mayo, M. A. Walsh, A. D. Landerkin, John T. Mayer, J. B. Welsh, B. T. Howard, George L. Currle, W. H. Allison, Warner Moore, A. B. and L. M. Williams, E. H. Fergusson, J. A. Carter, George W. Taylor, J. C. Walsh, W. T. Snelling, John Armitage, Charles Armitage, W. C. Armitage, W. T. Hancock, F. W. Cunningham, S. T. Beyeridge, T. C. Walford, C. W. Hardwicke, John Buchanan, J. M. Galleghar, John R. Grimes, John Frischkorn Hunter Frischkorn, J. R. Lamkin, D. C. Richardson, H. O. Hawkins, John R. Charlton, William M. Hill, George McMinn, C. H. Phillips.

DINNER DANCE AT WESTMORELAND

Delightful Entertainment Last Night Enjoyed by Quite a Number of Guests.

The second dinner dance at the Westporeland Club was held last evening. A delightful dinner was served in the large dining rooms, which were thrown into one spacious room. After dinner an informal dance was held in the sun parlor,

Among those present were: Covnel W. Gordon McCabe, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. Montague, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cabell, Governor and Mrs. Montague, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mosby, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Valenting, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Walker, Mr. W. M. Habliston, Mr. S. S. P. Patteson, Mr. J. A. Möneure, Mr. J. L. Antrim, Mr. George M. Red, Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Hawes, Mr. W. C. Neland, Mr. O. M. Alfriend, Mr. Aller Fous, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bryan, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fairfax, Mr. R. E. Lee, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Eppa Hunton, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Willard, Mr. A. J. Battle, Mr. W. O. Brooks, Mr. R. L. Maury, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Guest, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Younger, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Pinallman, Mr. R. L. Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hazard, Mr. George Cole Scott, Captain and Mrs. Highberg, Captain Varner McCabe, Mrs. Thomas B. Scott, Mrs. James H. Allison, and Misses Scott, Gray, Magrader, Donnan, Buford, Whitlock, Worth, Bragg, Holi, of Savannah; Leary, Urquhart and Crenshaw, Among those present were: Covmel W.

HANDSOME HOUSE BRINGS NICE SUM

The splendid property, No. 12 East Franklin Street, at the northwest cornet of Franklin and First Streets, was bought yesterday afternoon by Mr. II. Seldon Taylor for \$30,000. The site has recently been much talked

The site has recently been much talked of as an admirable one for a great apartment house, such as the Chesteriid, and Mr. Taylor was asked if he had visions of such a structure on the handsome lot. But, as stated above, he has reached no decision.

The property was sold through Messrs, McVeigh and Glina and Green and Redd, real estate absticuters. No public auction in a long time has attracted so large and representative a gathering of Richmond citizens.

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The annual meeting of the Citizens' Relief Association was held at 5 o'clock Wadnesday afternoon. After the report of the
president the following officers were
elected for the ensuing year:
President, Bryce Stewart Hume; VicePresident, Bryce Stewart Hume; Vicepresident, Bryce Stewart Hume; Vicerer, Robert A. Lancaster, Jr. Corresponding Secretary, John Stewart Bryan,
Hecording Secretary, Chas. Coteshorized the first of the first of the recording of the burner
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Sutable resolutions were adopted in memory of Mrs. A. Y. Stokes, president of the City Mission, which will be published later.

The report of President Hume is appended:
During the past year the Citizens' Relief Association has comitated its good work among the poor of the city and environs. Neither during the sammer, who is much sickness existed among the poor, or the cold weather of the ward environs, has a single deserving person who applied to us failed to obtain assistance, so far as I know.

Several months ago when the City Mission received the bequest from the Ginese estate we made it possible fo. t.e., to purchase a house to be used as the home of both organizations. Tals was cheered through the munificence of syring ance, so the munificence of syring monty of the monty necessary to complete payment on the building. The small on ance still outstanding will, no douch, leanned to the monty of the monty is the month of the several charites, composed of the several charites corpored of the several charites corpored of the several charites composed of the several charites control viaunched, is a most excellent seelery and will greatly assist in red of control viaunched, is a most excellent seelery and will greatly assist in red the critical of the part of monderness. The Citizens' Relief Association detect Charities by a committee of which the part of monderness of caring for our deserving poor and exposing those who are frauds.

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(Ety Associated Press.)

PEKIN, Jan. II.—The Gazette to-day contained an edict appointing Wu Ting rang the former Chinese minister at washington, junior vice-president of the toregn office.

Wu Ting Fang, who has held an exceedingly gloonly view of the government's weakness since his return to Pekin, now has a position in which he can exert influence for reform, although rank and age generally outweigh ability in the Crinese government councils.

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